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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
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**SUBJECT: LETTER OF PROTEST REGARDING DOCKET NO. 2011-271E**

**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA,**

We are writing regarding Duke Energy's request for a rate hike of 17%.

We are retired and on a fixed income, our expenses for food, medications, gasoline, health care premiums and medical co-pays have all gone up.

We have not had any increases in income to compensate for these basic costs of living.

In this struggling economy there are not many opportunities for people our age to get jobs to compensate for all of the increases to our day to day living expenses.

Duke Energy's 17% request for a rate hike is just too much considering the present economic state in our country.

Please take into consideration families are struggling just to survive in the economy.

Please do not grant the such a large increase at this time.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

*Carleen and William Coulter*

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